the Radio Frequency Spectrum, (4) Co-operation between manufacturers and operators, (5) Partnership with the Industry, service providers and research institutes etc., (6) Co-operation within the frame work of International organisations and (7) Exchange of expertise and consultations.

This Memorandum of Understanding which is in force from the date of signature shall continue to remain in force unless terminated by either side by giving six months notice in writing of its intention to terminate.

रक्षा आधुनिकीकरण के लिए संसाधनों की तंगी

27. **प्रो० विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा:** क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या थल सेनाध्यक्ष जनरल शंकर राय चौधरी ने संवाददाताओं से हुई बातचीत में कहा है कि संसाधनों की तंगी के कारण भारतीय सेनाओं के आधुनिकीकरण तथा इसके लिए नवीनतम हथियार खरीदने पर प्रतिकूल प्रभाव पड़ा है;

(ख) क्या समाचार एजेंसी "भाषा" द्वारा संवाददाताओं से उनकी बातचीत का ब्यौरा दिया गया है जिसके अनुसार संसाधनों की तंगी का असर नौसेना व वायुसेना पर भी पड़ रहा है यदि हां, तो इस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है; और

(ग) सेना के लिए संसाधनों की कमी को दूर करने के लिए सरकार क्या कदम उठा रही है?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री मुलायम सिंह यादव): (क) से (ग) समाचार पत्र की रिपोर्ट के अनुसार यह ब्यान पूर्व सेनाध्यक्ष द्वारा दिया गया है। तथापि, सरकार सशस्त्र सेनाओं के आधुनिकीकरण कार्यक्रम के प्रति वचनबद्ध है जो कि एक सतत प्रतिक्रिया है। आधुनिकीकरण तथा दर्जा बढ़ाए जाने के कार्यक्रम को इस प्रकार चलाया जाता है ताकि संसाधनों का इष्टतम उपयोग हो तथा हमारे स्वदेशीकरण की क्षमताओं एवं रक्षा उत्पादन ढांचे का अधिकतम उपयोग हो सके। सशस्त्र सेनाओं के लिए आधुनिकीकरण योजनाओं के वास्ते समग्र संसाधन उपलब्धता के भीतर आवश्यक धनराशि की व्यवस्था की जाती है।

Violation of PPE Act 1971 by the Estate Officer of Defence

28. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state the outcome of violations, if any, indulged in by the Estate Officer of Defence establishments, with regard to the procedure outlined in PPE Act 1971 (Public Premises Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants, Act, 1971)?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV): Estates Officers are notificed by the Government under the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971. They function in a quasi judicial capacity. If there are any violations of law/procedure by the Estates Officers, the law provides for appeal against the orders of the Estates Officer under section 9 of the aforesaid Act before the District Judge. No specific case of violations indulged by the Estates Officer has been reported to the

अलग-अलग भाषा माध्यमों से विद्यार्थियों की राष्ट्रीय रक्षा अकादमी में भर्ती

29. **श्री के० आर० मलकानी:** क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान राष्ट्रीय रक्षा अकादमी में शामिल होने वाले अंग्रेजी माध्यम के विद्यार्थियों की प्रतिशतता क्या है; और

(ख) उपरोक्त अवधि के दौरान हिंदी, तमिल, मराठी, बंगला आदि माध्यमों के कितने प्रतिशत विद्यार्थी राष्ट्रीय रक्षा अकादमी में शामिल हुए हैं?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री मुलायम सिंह यादव): (क) 98.5%

(ख) 1.5%

Imported specialised alloy smuggled to Pakistan

30. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which appeared in the "Pioneer" dated the 21st August, 1997 which speaks of 1000 kg. specialised alloy, imported for space and missile applications, has been smuggled to Pakistan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b) Mishra Dhatu Nigam Limited (MIDHANI) had ordered 2.5 MT Aluminium Vanadium, a Master Alloy for production of Titanium alloy, from Germany, in June 1993, out of which 1.5 MT was received in October 1993, through MIDHANI's Clearing Agent at Bombay. The second consignment of 1 MT was received and cleared by the Agent in November, 1994, but was retained by the agent pending settlement of old disputed bills. This happened to be the last consignment handled by the Clearing Agent, since his contract with MIDHANI was to expire in November, 1994. After the dispute was settled in March, 1997 and delivery of consignment was taken, it was discovered subsequently that the delivery drums contained only 80 Kgs. of the alloy metal and the rest were masonry bricks. The Company has lodged an FIR with the Bombay Police against this pilferage and has also taken up the matter with the Government of Maharashtra (Department of Home) for expediting investigations. In addition, MIDHANI have instituted a fact-finding inquiry to probe the entire matter and to identify loopholes in the delivery acceptance procedure in order to avoid recurrence of such incidents. MIDHANI is also seeking legal redressal from the Clearing Agent.

The matter has been referred to the Central Bureau of Investigation on the 5th September, 1997, which has already started investigations.

Allotment of defence land to Karnataka Government

31. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the land required by the Karnataka Government for the Ring Road in Bangalore from defence, has been handed over by defence to Karnataka Government; and

(b) if not, the reason for not giving the land?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Defence land measuring 17 acres required for intermediate Ring Road has been handed over to the Bangalore Development Authority.

(b) In view of reply to (a) above, question does not arise.

Extension of Indo-Russian bilateral agreement

32. SHRI BANGARU LAXMAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Russia have decided to extend the bilateral defence co-operation agreement by a decade to 2010;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have considered the fact that the Russia had reneged under U.S. pressures from selling India designs of cryogenic engine despite an earlier agreement;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reaction of government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b) During the visit of Raksha Mantri to Russia in October, 1997 both India and Russia agreed, in principle, to extend the Long Term Programme of Military Technical Co-operation between the two countries beyond the year 2000